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To the Commissioner:

Responsive to the non-Final Office Action dated January 16, 2002, the time period for response thereto being set to expire June 16, 2002, by virtue of the Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and fee filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment and accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 12, and 19, as follows:

1. **[AMENDED THREE TIMES]** A method of amplifying desired regions of nucleic acid from a nucleic acid template comprising:
 - (a) providing a plurality of first PCR primers, each first primer having an overall length of at least about 10 nucleotides and further having a region of fixed nucleotide sequence identical or complementary to a consensus sequence of interest and a region of randomized nucleotide sequence located 5' to, 3' to, [anywhere within,] or flanking the region of fixed nucleotide sequence;
 - (b) providing a plurality of second PCR primers, each second primer having an overall length of at least about 10 nucleotides and further having a region